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Ten Years Ago (July 2008)

Literature Students Create Podcasts

Students at The University of Texas at Tyler created audio podcast discussions to serve the university's undergraduate literature students and area high school students.

The podcasts were recorded, informal conversations among university student volunteers who defined literary terms. Discussions were led by Dr. Ann Beebe, associate professor of literature and languages. "After I started using the podcast technology internally for my classes, I got a good response from students so I wanted to take it to the next level and not only provide my students a supplement to my lectures, but also give back to the community by allowing these podcasts to be available for high school students," said Beebe. "If response to the Web page version of podcasts is positive, I hope to expand the project to include discussions on literary theory, the writing process and individual works of literature."

The technology was first used by the College of Arts and Sciences two years ago, when Beebe and Dr. Robert Sterken, associate professor of political science, both volunteered to incorporate podcasts into their classes.

Beebe said the Department of Literature and Languages podcast Web page will launch in time for the 2008 fall semester. Michael Vick, campus computing services manager, and Cindy Smith, instructional design coordinator, are developing the site. *UT Tyler Press Release, July 28, 2008.*

Twenty Years Ago (July 1998)

Dr. Rodney H. Mabry becomes UT Tyler's 3rd President

Dr. Rod Mabry was appointed President of UT Tyler by the UT System Board of Regents on July 1st, 1998. Dr. Mabry was the Dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Tulsa, beginning in that role in 1994. He and his wife, Merle, were very much looking forward to joining UT Tyler, calling it a "wonderful institution" and applauding the leadership and achievements of Dr. Hamm's tenure as UT Tyler president over the past 17 years. In his first weeks at UT Tyler, Mabry met with vice presidents, deans, faculty and staff, to see what their ideas, hopes, and dreams were for the campus. Dr. Mabry himself hoped to grow enrollment, increase student services, and prepare for the expansion of the university, as UT Tyler's first freshman and sophomore classes also started in 1998. *Tyler Morning Telegraph, July 1, 1998.*



Thirty Years Ago (July 1988)

Summer Scholars Program

Relationships and biomechanics were topics presented by distinguished guest lecturers as part of the Summer Scholars Program. Dr. Alan Rosenbaum, recipient of several federal grants dealing with family violence and marital relations, discussed "Aggressiveness in Dating and Marital Relationships". Rosenbaum was an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Dr. Richard C. Nelson, advisor on biomechanics for the Medical Commission to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), spoke on "Biomechanics at Penn State, the Olympic Games and the Courtroom". He was the director of the Biomechanics Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University, and a visiting professor at universities in Switzerland, West Germany, Japan, and the Republic of China. *Intercom*, July 18, 1988.

Forty Years Ago (July 1978)

Salary Increase Approved by TEU Regents

The Texas Eastern University Board of Regents approved a \$5,103,567 budget for 1978-79 at their quarterly meeting. Of the total, \$3,500,009 was budgeted for salaries and wages, \$1,458,925 for operating expenses, and \$144,633 for debt service. The budget provides for a general salary increase of 5 percent for faculty and professional staff, and 6.8 percent for classified employees. *Intercom*, July 13, 1978.

New Degree Proposals Receive Approval

Texas Eastern University received approval from the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, to offer a master of arts degree and a master of education degree in special education, a bachelor of science in journalism and a bachelor of science in speech. Final approval of the degree proposals came on July 14. Representing TEU at the board meeting were James H. Stewart, Jr., Donald W. Whisenhunt and John R. Sawyer. The approval of the master's degree in special education was the first addition of a graduate degree program since the M.S. in psychology two years prior. *Intercom*, July 27, 1978.

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